

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9 and 13-34 are allowed.

Claims 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. patent 5,870,136 to Fuchs et al. (hereinafter "Fuchs").

Initially, applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowance of claims 1-9 and 13-34.

Addressing now the rejection of claims 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Fuchs, that rejection is traversed by the present response.


Independent claim 10 is amended by the present response to now additionally recite a "three-dimensional coordinate calculating part" and "a three-dimensional shape composing part". Those limitations are also recited in, for example, independent claim 1, which was noted as allowed. Thus, amended independent claim 10 now recites more similar features to the subject matter recited in the allowed claims. Further, the features clarified in claim 10 are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art to Fuchs.

Fuchs was not cited with respect to features of a "three-dimensional coordinate calculating part" or a "three-dimensional shaped composing part", and those features are believed to be neither taught nor suggested by Fuchs. Thus, amended independent claim 10, and claims 11-12 dependent therefrom, are believed to distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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